

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

1. (Currently Amended) A food formulation for the child-safe preparation of an edible foodstuff that is representational of a target food item that is a milkshake, smoothie beverage, fondue, or sorbet, where the edible foodstuff is preparable by the addition of water at or below room temperature to the food formulation without heating, and the edible foodstuff has **having** a texture and a flavor appropriate for the target food item, **and where the food formulation includes**

82-86% sugar, 1-2% lactic acid, 0-1% citric acid, 2-3% gum blend, 1-2% sodium alginate, 1-5% nondairy creamer, and 5-7% maltodextrin;

or

78-80% sugar, 1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, and 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate;

or

75-76% sugar, 15-16% nonfat dry milk powder, 6-7% modified food starch, 1-2% guar gum, and 0-0.5% maltodextrin;

or

79-84% sugar, 5-7% sodium alginate, 1-3% citric acid, 7-10% modified food starch, 0.4-0.5% dicalcium phosphate, and 0.1-0.4% maltodextrin;
and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

2. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the edible foodstuff has an appearance that is appropriate for the target food item.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the food formulation is provided in at least one sealed packet.

5. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the food formulation includes a topping for application to the edible foodstuff.

6. (Original) The food formulation of claim 5, wherein the topping includes candy or sugar sprinkles.

7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the target food item is a milkshake or a smoothie beverage **having a composition that includes:**

82-86% sugar, 1-2% lactic acid, 0-1% citric acid, 2-3% gum blend, 1-2% sodium alginate, 1-5% nondairy creamer, and 5-7% maltodextrin;

or

78-80% sugar, 1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, and 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate;

and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

11. (Original) The food formulation of claim 10, wherein the food formulation includes a mix-in ingredient, and the preparation of the edible foodstuff includes the addition of the mix-in ingredient.

12. (Original) The food formulation of claim 11, wherein the mix-in ingredient is selected from candies, syrups, granola, fruit, dried fruit, and dehydrated fruit.

13. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the target food item is a fondue **having a composition that includes:**

75-76% sugar, 15-16% nonfat dry milk powder, 6-7% modified food starch 1-2% guar gum, and 0-0.5% maltodextrin, and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

14. (Original) The food formulation of claim 13, wherein the food formulation includes dippable ingredients for dipping in the edible foodstuff.

15. (Original) The food formulation of claim 14, where the dippable ingredients include at least one of marshmallow candies and edible gelatin candies.

16. (Original) The food formulation of claim 1, wherein the target food item is a sorbet **having a composition that includes:**

1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, and 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate, and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A food formulation **as claimed in claim 1,** **where** ~~for preparation of an edible foodstuff that is representational of a target food item that is a milkshake, smoothie beverage, fondue, or sorbet, wherein the edible foodstuff is preparable by the addition of water to the food formulation at or below room temperature, the edible foodstuff has a texture and a flavor appropriate for the target food item; and preparation of the edible foodstuff facilitates constructive play by simulating preparation of the target food item.~~

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The food formulation of claim 18, wherein the food formulation includes at least one of a topping or mix-in ingredient for application to or mixing into the edible foodstuff.

21. (Original) The food formulation of claim 20, wherein the topping or mix-in ingredient includes at least one of candies, sugar, fruits, dried fruits, or dehydrated fruits.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) The food formulation of claim 18, wherein the target food item is a milkshake or a smoothie beverage, the food formulation having a composition that includes:

82-86% sugar, 1-2% lactic acid, 0-1% citric acid, 2-3% gum blend, 1-2% sodium alginate, 1-5% nondairy creamer, and 5-7% maltodextrin;

or

78-80% sugar, 1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, and 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate;

and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

24. (Currently Amended) The food formulation of claim 18, wherein the target food item is a fondue, the food formulation having a composition that includes 75-76% sugar, 15-16% nonfat dry milk powder, 6-7% modified food starch, 1-2% guar gum, 0-0.5% maltodextrin, and optionally includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors, and includes dipable ingredients for dipping in the edible foodstuff.

25. (Currently Amended) The food formulation of claim 18, wherein the target food item is a sorbet, the food formulation having a composition that includes 1.2-1.3% cellulose gum, 6-7% nonfat dry milk, 6-7% nondairy creamer, 0.6-0.7% calcium lactate, 1.2-1.3% gum arabic, 1.8-2.0% sodium alginate, and optionally further includes natural or artificial flavors and/or colors.

26. (Currently Amended) A kitchen playset, comprising at least one food formulation for the child-safe preparation of an edible foodstuff that is representational of a target food item that is a milkshake, smoothie beverage, fondue, or sorbet as claimed in claim 1, ~~where the edible foodstuff is preparable by the addition of water to the food formulation at room temperature or below, and the edible foodstuff has a texture and a flavor appropriate for the target food item.~~